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Subject: MLPAComments: support for greater number of reserves

I am writing to urge that the MLPA Initiative of the Central Coast project establish the greater number of marine reserves! As a retired biologist who reads scientific articles on the effects of established marine reserves on their related fisheries, I am convinced that threatened fisheries can best be recovered and healthy fisheries kept so, by establishing adequate marine reserves. These reserves elsewhere have permitted commercial fish species to grow to sexual maturity in the protection of their reserves. The protected area then has provided healthy fish stocks both within the reserve and to the fishing grounds of the area.

I urge the establishment of the greater number as 1. an ardent fish consumer, 2. a biologist, and 3. a resident of Bodega Bay, a fishing community now severely suffering the effects of past over-fishing and poor past management of our coastal rivers.

Sincerely, Anne C. Cohen  
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